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THE GENSLER
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
INTERNSHIP AND
SCHOLARSHIP

GAINS

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Gensler celebrates diversity as an enabler of better design—through shared and divergent perspectives, our work for clients and our staff’s careers are enriched. We’re committed to bringing people of diverse backgrounds, experiences and points of view to work at our firm...and to helping young design professionals find their career path with Gensler.

The Gensler African-American Internship and Scholarship (GAAINS) celebrates this commitment to diversity through mentorship and empowerment of the best emerging design talent.

THE GAAINS PROGRAM
GAAINS is open to African-American students approaching their final year in a NAAB-accredited architecture program. Once nominated by their academic institution, applicants for GAAINS are selected through a competitive, juried application process. Two finalists will be awarded scholarship funds, paid directly to their college or university, toward the cost of their final academic year. In addition to academic scholarships, one winner will be awarded a paid summer internship in a Gensler regional office. The internship winner will be paired with a Gensler mentor, serving as a resource for their internship period and final academic year.

APPLICANT NOMINATION AND SUBMISSION
NAAB-accredited academic institutions are invited to nominate up to two eligible students for consideration by Gensler. Finalists will be selected based on academic excellence, design ability, and presentation creativity.

Submission requirements:
1. Completed application form and academic transcript
2. Letter of nomination from Dean or Chair of academic institution
3. Resume
4. One advanced-level commercial architectural design project with written description (500 words and 10 PDF slides, maximum)

Submission materials must be e-mailed (10 MB, maximum) to GAAINS@gensler.com by January 15, 2009.

FINALISTS
Gensler will review all nominations and select a group of finalists who will be invited to submit a three-minute digital video creatively introducing themselves to the jury and presenting their work. Two winners will be awarded academic scholarships by the jury, and one scholarship winner will also be selected to receive a summer internship at a Gensler regional office.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
First Place: Up to $10,000
Second Place: Up to $5,000

TIMELINE
Fall 2008
Academic institutions internally nominate two students for participation in the GAAINS program.

January 15, 2009
Deadline: Electronic submission materials from nominated candidates due to GAAINS@gensler.com.

February 1, 2009
Finalists notified.

March 15, 2009
Deadline: Finalists to submit digital videos for final jury.

April 1, 2009
Winners of scholarships and internship notified.

Summer 2009
Internship for selected winner.

Fall 2009
Scholarship distributions made to academic institutions.

Application

Gensler reserves the right to adjust scholarship guidelines, timelines or process at any time and for any reason. Final awarding of scholarships and/or internship opportunities is at Gensler’s sole discretion.

Questions? Email GAAINS@gensler.com for further information.

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SCHOOL
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER
EMAIL
GRADUATION DATE